

In the Specification:

Please replace the original title with the following new title:

"ELECTRONIC BILL PRESENTMENT VIA A WIDE AREA COMMUNICATIONS
NETWORK"

Please replace the related applications section immediately following the title as follows:

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of pending Application Serial No. 09/301,068, filed April 28, 1999 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,856,974) and entitled "An Electronic Bill Presentment Technique With Enhanced Biller Control", which is a continuation of Application Serial No. 09/017,169, filed February 2, 1998 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,055,567) and entitled "Distributed Data Accessing Technique", the contents of which are incorporated herein in their entirety by reference. This application is also related to Application Serial No. 09/237,657, filed January 27, 1999 and entitled "A Technique for Centrally Tracking Transactions in an Electronic Billing System"; Application Serial No. 09/414,731, filed October 8, 1999 and entitled "Electronic Billing With Flexible Biller Controlled Electronic Bill Presentment"; Application Serial No. 09/387,764, filed September 1, 1999 and entitled "Electronic Billing With Updateable Electronic Bill Summary"; and Application Serial No. 09/471,490, filed December 23, 1999 and entitled "Securing Electronic Transactions Over Public Networks". This application is additionally related to Application Serial Number 11/057,233, filed February 15, 2005, and entitled "Presentation and Payment of Bills Over a Wide Area Communications

Network”; Application Serial No. 11/059,370, filed February 17, 2005, and entitled “Integrated Electronic Presentment and Payment of Bills by Different Entities”; Application Serial No. 11/066,288, filed February 28, 2005, and entitled “Facilitating Electronic Payment on Behalf of a Customer of Electronic Presented Bills; Application Serial No. 11/066,293, filed February 28, 2005, and entitled “Centralized Customer Care for Electronic Payments and Other Transactions Via a Wide Area Communications Network”; and Application Serial No. 11/066,458, filed February 28, 2005, and entitled “Centralized Electronic Bill Presentment”.

Please delete the abstract in its entirety and substitute therefor the new abstract which commences on a separate page after this Second Preliminary Amendment.